GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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Dhubri Port
Ajmal Maulana Badruddin

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the dismal condition of the Dhubri Port and if so, the steps taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard;
(b) whether the Government has released any fund for development of Dhubri Port;
(c) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;
(d) whether the Government has constituted any committee to monitor the proper utilization of these funds; and
(e) if so, the details thereof along with the finding by the said committee?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) Yes, Madam. Keeping in view the present condition of Dhubri Port, a permanent Inland Water Transport (IWT) terminal at Dhubri with proper berthing and Roll-on−Roll-off (Ro-Ro) facilities along with shore facilities for handling of IWT traffic is being constructed at a location downstream of Panchughat. The location was selected after a detailed study by IIT, Guwahati. A land area of 1.79 hectare was acquired through Government of Assam during December-2010 and Detailed Project Report (DPR) was prepared.
In addition, a temporary floating terminal is being maintained by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) at Dhubri. A Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) station has also been constructed for safe navigation of the inland ships in the National Waterway-2.
(b)&(c):Yes, Madam. An amount of Rs.22.26 crore has been deposited with CPWD out of the total cost of Rs.46.69 crore for construction of this terminal. The details of funds released during last three years for construction of permanent terminal and maintaining temporary terminal at Dhubri are as given below:

Year	Funds Released For construction of permanent terminal	For maintaining temporary terminal	Total
2012-13	Rs. 9.66 crore	Rs. 0.16 crore	Rs. 9.82 crore
2013-14	Nil	Rs.0.25 crore	Rs. 0.25 crore
2014-15	Rs. 12.60 crore	Rs. 0.21 crore	Rs. 12.81 crore
Total	Rs. 22.26 crore	Rs. 0.62 crore	Rs. 22.88 crore

(d)&(e):Since the work is being executed by CPWD on deposit work basis, the works are executed as per CPWD Manual. A Retired Senior officer of CPWD has been engaged as Senior Consultant to supervise the works on behalf of IWAI. In addition, IWAI has also opened a sub-office at Dhubri under Regional Office Guwahati for monitoring the day to day progress of construction.
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